

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A circumferential clamp for fastening and connecting ~~tubes (2, 3), in particular for fastening a junction~~ tubes on a heat exchanger in a motor vehicle, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one end region [(8)] of the clamp [(1)] is bent away from the tubes back toward the body of the clamp.
2. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bent-back end region [(8)] of the clamp [(1)] has at least one sharp edge.
3. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in the assembled state, the bent-back end region [(8)] is in bearing contact against at least one flange [(4)] or bead of a tube [(2)].
4. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bent-back end region has a sharp edge ~~sharp-edged design~~ in the region of bearing contacts.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the end regions [(8)] of the clamp [(1)] are bent back in such a way that they form approximately the shape of a rounded triangle.
8. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the triangles have no angle above 90°.

9. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the triangles are approximately equilateral.
10. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a slot ~~[(7)]~~, which runs in the longitudinal direction of the clamp (1), is provided in the region of at least one end region ~~[(8)]~~ of the clamp ~~[(1)]~~.
11. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claims 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a slot, which runs in the longitudinal direction of the clamp (1), is provided in the region of at least one end region of the clamp and wherein the slot [(7)] runs over two sides of the corresponding triangle.
12. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the clamp ~~[(1)]~~ is designed essentially symmetrically with respect to a transverse axis.
13. (New) A tube and clamp assembly comprising:
a first tube;
a second tube; and
a circumferential clamp for fastening and connecting the first tube to the second tube,
wherein at least one end region of the clamp is bent away from the tubes back toward the body of the clamp.
14. (New) A heat exchange system comprising a tube and clamp assembly according to claim 13.
15. (New) A motor vehicle comprising a heat exchange system according to claim 14.